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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF BOW



1903

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AND ROAD AGENTS

OF THE

TOWN OF BOW,

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

ENDING FEBRUARY 14, 1903.

CONCORD, N. H. :
THE RUMFORD PRESS.
1903.

TOWN OFFICERS.

FEBRUARY 15, 1902.

MODERATOR.

DAVID W. WHITE.

REPRESENTATIVE.

DAVID W. WHITE.

TOWN CLERK.

SAMUEL E. ELLIOTT.

COLLECTOR.

DAVID M. HAMMOND.

TOWN TREASURER.

WARREN C. SALTMARSH.

SELECTMEN.

CLARENCE J. COLBY,
ORREN C. SALTMARSH,
EDWIN A. COLBY.

AUDITOR.

GEORGE W. COLBY.

SUPERVISORS.

WARREN C. SALTMARSH,
REUBEN J. COLBY,
SETH QUIMBY.

ROAD AGENTS.

J. B. ELLIS,
PERLEY A. CLOUGH,
FRANK A. WHITE,
EDWARD TAPPEN,
WILLIAM J. FLANDERS,
EMMONS C. COLBY,
WALTER PUTNEY,
JOSEPH DOW,
FRED O. ORDWAY,
HERBERT C. COLBY,
REUBEN D. WARRINER,
WILLIAM D. WETHERBEE,
JONAS WELCOME,
GEORGE DREW,
BYRON W. CLOUGH.

OFFICERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT.

MODERATOR.

CHARLES B. ROGERS.

CLERK.

WARREN C. SALTMARSH.

SCHOOL TREASURER.

GEORGE W. COLBY.

SCHOOL BOARD.

GEORGE W. SHORT,
CHARLES B. ROGERS,
JOHN H. BURROUGHS.

AUDITOR.

SAMUEL WOODBURY.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BOW, APRIL 1, 1902.

Polls, 202,	\$20,200
Land and buildings,	206,719
Horses, 204,	10,146
Oxen, 16,	870
Cows, 447,	11,022
Neat stock, 94,	1,338
Sheep, 31,	64
Fowls, 435,	217
Carriages, 2,	100
Stock in banks,	4,600
Money at interest,	12,916
Stock in trade,	4,740
Mills and machinery,	37,172
	\$310,104

Amount of taxes levied for all purposes, \$4,440.38

Rate of taxation, \$1.44 on \$100.

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid E. J. Hemphill, care of Ordway lot for 1901,	\$6.00
Edson C. Eastman, books and stationery,	8.25
Warren C. Saltmarsh, services as justice of the peace,	2.00
John Hadlock, edges and bolts for road machine,	16.50
Rumford Printing Co., printing reports,	22.60
Jonathan C. Ordway, fighting forest fire,	2.00
L. J. Rundlett, tuition,	30.00
J. E. Snell, wreaths and flags,	3.84
Seth Quimby, damage done by dogs,	12.00

Paid D. C. Knowles, tuition,	\$30.00
Joseph T. Walker, tuition,	60.00
City of Manchester, tuition,	12.75
Mark Upton, watering tub,	3.00
R. M. Ordway, watering tub, 1901-'02,	6.00
D. A. Colby, watering tub,	3.00
C. J. Colby, express and stationery,	3.81
Amos B. Palmer, watering tub, 1901-'02,	6.00
John H. Burroughs, care of Heath lot,	3.00
Samuel E. Elliott, supplies and license blanks,	2.75
Samuel E. Elliott, births, deaths, and marriages,	3.25
George W. Colby, driving hearse,	8.00
Benjamin T. Green, care of town house,	5.00
Warren C. Saltmarsh, for library,	25.00
Walter Putney, watering tub,	3.00
	\$277.75

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Emmons C. Colby, bridge plank,	\$7.56
Davis & Rogers, bridge plank,	43.63
W. M. Davis, bridge plank,	6.65
Mark Upton, lumber and spikes,	11.44
Chas. H. Hadley, bridge stringers,	9.00
C. J. Colby, plank and stringers,	1.00
Henry Perigo, posts and rails,	11.60
	\$90.88

ROAD AGENTS.

Paid J. B. Ellis,	\$59.95
Perley A. Clough,	54.00
Frank A. White,	49.51
Edwin M. Tappen,	84.40
Wm. J. Flanders,	69.40
Emmons C. Colby,	90.24
Walter Putney,	73.00
Joseph Dow,	132.05
Fred O. Ordway,	79.56
Herbert C. Colby,	68.88

Paid Reuben D. Warriner,	\$127.58
Wm. D. Wetherbee,	98.00
Jonas Welcome,	63.95
George A. Drew,	29.65
Byron W. Clough,	36.82
Edward J. Hemphill,	78.45
Hiram Colby,	26.20
Asa Morgan,	5.60
G. W. Short,	13.25
J. P. Elliott,	14.05
O. C. Saltmarsh,	3.35
Darwin Shrieve,	22.36
Kirk Morgan,	19.05
	\$1,299.30

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Mrs. L. W. Ordway, board and clothing for the Jameson children,	\$304.29
F. D. Clough, food for Alice Jameson,	9.50
Edgar E. Tenney, board of Chas. Tenney,	35.00
Orren C. Saltmarsh, care of Roberts children,	3.73
W. W. Hartford, wood for Mrs. Knox,	10.00
G. A. Robie & Son, clothing for Ezra McCoy,	5.25
T. M. Togus, professional services for Jame- son children,	12.50
Asa Morgan, clothing and board for Ezra McCoy,	53.50
J. E. Snell, cutting wood for Mrs. Knox,	3.75
	\$437.52

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Paid G. A. Robie & Son, groceries for A. H. Boynton,	\$78.00
G. A. Robie & Son, groceries for E. M. Dudevoire,	78.00
	\$156.00

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Geo. W. Colby, school money,	\$1,164.00
Geo. W. Colby, literary fund,	54.50
Geo. W. Colby, dog license money,	152.93
Geo. W. Colby, school supplies,	71.35
Geo. W. Colby, for repairs,	100.00
	\$1,542.78

ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1901.

Lyman W. Palmer,	\$1.38
Samuel F. Jameson,	2.62
Albert M. Jameson,	1.38
Chas. F. Dockery,	1.38
William Rivers, over tax,	6.04
	\$12.80

ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1902.

Edward Tibbetts,	\$1.44
Lyman W. Palmer,	1.44
J. J. Maney,	1.44
Albert M. Jameson,	1.44
Charles Tenney,	1.44
Eugene Jameson,	1.44
William F. Davis,	1.44
Charles F. Dockery,	1.44
Arthur C. Davis,	1.44
A. Allis,	1.44
R. W. Smith,	1.44
George Jameson,	1.44
Judith White, over tax,	14.40
	\$31.68

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Clarence J. Colby, services as selectman,	\$59.50
Orren C. Saltmarsh, services as selectman,	45.50
Edwin A. Colby, services as selectman,	45.00
Samuel E. Elliott, services as town clerk,	25.00
Warren C. Saltmarsh, services as treasurer,	25.00
David M. Hammond, services as tax collector,	65.00
Warren C. Saltmarsh, services as supervisor,	10.00
Edgar A. Wetherbee, services as supervisor,	7.50
John P. Elliott, services as supervisor,	9.00
Edgar A. Wetherbee, services as board of health,	2.25
Geo. W. Colby, services as auditor,	1.50
Geo. A. Drew, services as police officer for 1900-1-2,	17.00
	\$312.25

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Paid George W. Short, services on school board,	\$33.50
Charles B. Rogers, services on school board,	22.00
John H. Burroughs, services on school board,	25.00
A. Lizzie Hammond Sargent, services on school board,	5.50
Warren C. Saltmarsh, district clerk,	2.00
George W. Colby, district treasurer,	8.00
Samuel Woodbury, auditor,	1.00
	\$97.00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 15, 1902,	\$559.37
Received of David M. Hammond, collector for 1901,	
in full,	300.72
Samuel E. Elliott, clerk, dog licenses,	169.08
S. G. Lane, executor of Heath estate,	
in trust,	100.00
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	1,153.25
railroad tax,	286.78
literary fund,	54.50
Merrimack county, support of pau-	
pers,	445.72
Merrimack county, support of de-	
pendent soldiers,	156.00
D. M. Hammond, collector for 1902,	3,960.33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid highways and bridges,	\$1,390.18
school district treasurer,	1,542.78
state treasurer, state tax,	824.50
county treasurer, county tax,	1,113.02
town officers,	312.25
school district officers,	97.00
support of county paupers,	437.52
support of dependent soldiers,	156.00
miscellaneous,	277.75
abatements,	44.48
	\$6,195.48

WARREN C. SALTMARSH,
Treasurer.

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN OF BOW FEB. 14, 1903.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$990.27
Due from D. M. Hammond, collector 1902,	480.00
	\$1,470.27

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN FEB. 14, 1903.

Elmira Ordway Fund, in trust,	\$200.00
Liva C. Heath Fund, in trust,	100.00
	\$300.00
Balance in favor of the town,	\$1,170.27

Respectfully submitted :

CLARENCE J. COLBY,
ORREN C. SALTMARSH,
EDWIN A. COLBY,
Selectmen of Bow.

I, the undersigned, auditor of the selectmen and town treasurer accounts for the year ending Feb. 14, 1903, certify that I have examined said accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE W. COLBY,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Another school year has drawn to a close. In the majority of instances everything has been moving along with little friction, and we think that the standard of scholarship will compare favorably with former years. We can safely say that in some schools the standard has been materially raised. The teachers that we have hired the past year with few exceptions have been bright wide-awake young ladies, ready and willing to work and keep up with the spirit of the times. Teaching is a profession for which intelligence and training are necessary. The work of education should no longer be left to inexperienced teachers destitute of any training. It is the same with teaching as with any other business or profession. The best is the cheapest. The teachers whom we would like to hire can get better prices in other places. Now and then we can secure a teacher whom we would like to keep, but in the majority of cases they are only waiting for a more favorable opening. How much better for the town if we could hire the best teachers and keep them with us longer. The changing of teacher each term is very injurious, for every teacher has a way of her own of instructing her pupils, and it takes several weeks for the scholars to get accustomed to her ways and modes of teaching, and on the other hand it takes considerable time for a new teacher to learn the requirements and ability of her scholars. The question has been asked us, Why not shorten the school year and thus hire better teachers? There are two objections to this plan. We could not compete with other towns as they offer longer periods for school work, and it is doubtful whether the efficiency obtained at the expense of shorter sessions is not more than offset by enforced long vacations and lost opportunities of continuing school work. The only change that has been made in text-books was the introduction of the New Practical Speller.

Several new maps have been purchased for the use of the schools.

Respectfully submitted :

G. W. SHORT,
C. B. ROGERS,
J. H. BURROUGHS,
School Board.

ROLL OF HONOR FOR ONE YEAR.

Jesse B. Foote, Ruth E. Colby,
Mehitable M. Colby.

ROLL OF HONOR FOR ONE TERM.

Louise Goodhue,	Harry Flanders,
Nira M. Colby,	Susie Huff,
Alzada B. Colby,	Lena Jones,
Frank Colby,	Willie Colby,
Manly Morgan,	Lee B. Morgan,
Oliver Wheeler,	Wesley Wheeler,
Gertrude Hooper,	Lyle F. Sherman,
Florence N. Merrill,	Ethel S. Ordway.

AUTHORIZED TEXT-BOOKS.

Baldwin's Reader,	Maxwell's Grammar,
Practical Speller,	Ellis's History,
Milon's Arithmetic,	Stowell's Physiology,
Natural Geography,	Meservey's Bookkeeping.

Number of weeks taught by female teachers,	201
Number of visits by school board,	29

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	Terms.	Teacher.	Length of school.	No. of scholars.	No. in reading.	No. in spelling.	No. in penmanship.	No. in arithmetic.	No. in geography.	No. in grammar.	No. in history.	No. in physiology.	No. in bookkeeping.	No. in algebra.	Wages of teacher per month.	Visits by citizens.	Not absent.	Average attendance.
Bow Mills.	Spring ...	G. E. Warriner.....	11	24	24	24	24	16	15	6	3	20	2	..	\$28.00	58	6	16
	Fall	Maud Putney.....	18	23	23	23	23	21	7	4	7	18	..	1	30.00	43	1	18
White....	Spring ...	Ida Dow	11	12	12	12	11	10	10	1	7	7	..	..	26.00	26	..	9
	Fall	N. J. Bloomfield.....	18	14	14	14	14	11	11	4	3	4	1	..	26.00	28	..	11
No. Bow...	Spring ...	Sarah E. Perkins....	12	15	15	15	15	12	5	8	4	1	1	..	26.00	18	1	11
	Fall	Sarah E. Perkins....	18	13	13	13	11	11	4	9	1	4	1	1	26.00	10	..	10
River Rd..	Spring ...	Grace Smith.....	11	6	6	5	6	4	5	2	2	2	..	..	26.00	10	..	5
	Fall	Cora B. Fitts	15	6	6	6	6	6	4	4	4	4	..	..	26.00	4	..	5
So. Bow...	Spring ...	Mabel D. Lantry....	11	9	9	9	6	6	4	2	..	..	..	..	26.00	13	2	8
	Fall	Mabel D. Lantry....	18	9	9	9	6	6	6	2	2	..	..	..	26.00	8	..	8
Wood Hill	Spring...	Grace E. Knight.....	11	9	9	9	9	9	6	5	2	2	1	..	26.00	47	4	9
	Fall	Alice A. Gould.....	18	9	9	9	9	9	6	3	2	6	..	1	26.00	21	1	8
Bog.....	Spring...	Lilla C. Rainey.....	11	11	11	11	11	6	4	4	4	2	..	..	26.00	4	3	7
	Fall	Ida Dow	18	11	11	11	11	11	11	3	11	8	..	..	28.00	21	5	10

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance school money left over,	\$113.40
For tuition,	4.00
School money for 1902,	1,164.00
For dog licenses,	152.93
Literary funds,	54.50
For books, supplies, and express,	71.35
Repairing houses,	100.00
Total receipts,	\$1,660.18

EXPENDITURES.

Paid.

June 30.	G. W. Short, teachers' salaries,	\$220.00
	Grace G. Knight,	71.50
	Sarah E. Perkins,	78.00
	J. H. Burroughs, cleaning house,	2.00
	Grace Smith,	48.00
	Jeanie Young,	18.00
	Ida Dow,	71.50
Jan. 3.	C. B. Rogers, teachers' salaries,	263.03
	J. H. Burroughs, teachers' salaries,	245.90
Jan. 13.	G. W. Short, teachers' salaries,	386.84
	Harry Flanders, building fires,	1.72
	E. B. Hutchinson, for shingles,	23.40
	E. A. Cheney, for laying the same,	7.00
	G. W. Colby, for nails, boards, and drawing shingles,	4.00
	G. W. Colby, for wood, and conveying teacher,	12.00
	Wesley L. Wheeler, wood,	11.00
	R. M. Ordway, wood,	6.00
	Mark Upton, wood,	7.31

Jan. 13.	G. W. Short, for repairs,	\$1.05
	J. H. Burroughs, wood, and repairs,	2.50
	C. B. Rogers, wood,	5.00
	E. B. Babb & Co., books,	2.66
	American Book Co.,	17.24
	D. C. Heath & Co., books,	16.00
	E. A. Stratton, books and supplies,	14.20
	Leavenworth & Green, maps and supplies,	19.95
	G. W. Short, express on books,	1.30
	F. E. Woodbury, wood,	1.00
	Total expenditures,	<u>\$1,558.10</u>
	Total receipts,	\$1,660.18
	Total expenditures,	<u>1,558.10</u>
	Balance on hand, Feb. 14, 1903,	<u>\$102.08</u>

GEORGE W. COLBY,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the district treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

SAMUEL WOODBURY,
Auditor.

Bow, Feb. 14, 1903.

VITAL STATISTICS.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF BOW: In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June session, 1877, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the records of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual reports," I submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

Date of birth.	Name of child (if any).	Sex and condition.			Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.	Person reporting birth.
		Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.	No. of child.	Color.					
Mar. 31		M.		Stillb'n	1	W.	W.	Farmer.....	Goffstown....	Bow	F. W. Grafton.
May 29				Living	3	"	"	Clergyman....	London, Eng.	Alva, Scotland	Geo. E. Leet.
June 17	Eldon Arthur....	M.	F.	"	1	"	"	Farmer.....	"	Bow	Geo. E. Leet.
Sept. 11				"	3	"	"	"	"	Danvers, Mass	Chancey Adams.
Dec. 4		"		"	3	"	"	R. R. employé	Concord	Providence, R. I.	J. Elizabeth Hoyt.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation.	Place of birth.	Names of parents.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 13	Bow.....	Lyman W. Palmer.....	Bow.....	35	W.	Brakeman.....	Bow.....	J. H. B. Palmer.....	1	Elder Warren P. Dow,
		Narona S. Andrews.....	Boston, Mass.....	35	"	Bookkeeper....	Boston, Mass..	Catherine Enderle.....	2	Bow.
April 3	"	George Hadley Dill.....	Bow.....	24	"	Machinist.....	Newport, N. S.	Sarah S. Briggs.....	1	Rev. Henry Candler,
		Mary F. McHarg.....	"	39	"	Housewife.....	Meredith Neck	Newton Dill.....	2	Bow.
July 12	"	Arthur W. Austin.....	"	32	"	Farmer....	Bow.....	Irene B. Crowell.....	1	Rev. Samuel Woodbury,
		Stella Sherman.....	"	40	"	Domestic	Dover.....	Joseph Dow.....	2	Bow.
								Ann F. Glines.....	1	Rev. Samuel Woodbury,
								Elbridge G. Austin.....	2	Bow.
								Ann H. Hammond.....		
								Andrew F. Renolds.....		
								Eivira A. Renolds		

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

Date of death.	Place of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.			Father.	Mother.		
Feb. 1	Bow.	Aurilla Ordway.....	88	..	5	Dunbarton...	Housewife...	Dunbarton...	Dunbarton...	David Elliott.....	Annie Colby.
" 8	"	Ruth Coffin.....	84	7	..	Holderness...	"	"	"	"	"
" 9	"	Arthur Boyle.....	1	1	9	Suncook.....	"	"	"	"	"
Mar. 1	"	Luman Woodbury...	76	8	11	Dunbarton...	Farmer.....	Dunbarton...	Bow.....	Hasadiah Woobury.	Anna Hammond.
May 16	"	Eliza Currier.....	82	5	22	Vermont.....	Housekeeper	Ireland.....	Ireland.....	Andrew Currier...	Annie Currier.
July 20	"	Edward L. Clement...	62	8	25	Bow.....	Farmer.....	Bow.....	Bow.....	Edward C. Clement..	Mary Heath.
Sept. 3	"	Earl Morgan.....	48	4	8	"	Gas fitter...	"	"	Joseph Morgan.....	Judith Elliott.
Oct. 20	"	Merton L. Weed....	52	5	2	Canton, N. Y..	Laborer.....	"	"	"	"

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SAMUEL E. ELLIOTT, Town Clerk.



